

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the abstract with the following. A version of the Abstract with markings to show changes made to the specification (or abstract ) is attached as Appendix A.

An ultrasonic motor includes a stator having a piezoelectric element and a rotor facing the stator. The piezoelectric element is annular and is polarized into segments in the circumferential direction. A flexible plate is fixed to the piezoelectric element with an electrode plate in between. The flexible plate includes a flexible substrate, a conductor, and a reinforcement. The conductor is located on a part of the flexible substrate to be electrically connected to the electrode plate. The reinforcement is located on the flexible substrate at a position that is off the conductor. The reinforcement suppresses vibration generated at a part of the piezoelectric element that is off the conductor, thereby stabilizing vibration of the piezoelectric element in the circumferential direction.